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## Court of Appeal Hosts Moot Court Competition in Ventura Today

Ventura—The Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Six, will host its Annual Moot Court Competition at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, in the Court of Appeal Courtroom, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Ventura, California.

Ventura College of Law, Santa Barbara College of Law, and the University of West Los Angeles School of Law will compete in the event, which is open to the public.

The hypothetical case to be argued involves a claim of alleged racial discrimination in jury selection and also addresses the issue of how the *Miranda* rule—which requires warnings when someone is subjected to custodial interrogation by police—may operate differently when the suspect is already jailed on unrelated charges.

**The students** will be divided into appellants and respondents who file briefs. After filing briefs, the students participate in mock oral arguments to earn a berth in the finals. The winning students from each school then argue the case before Presiding Justice Arthur Gilbert and Associate Justices Paul H. Coffee and Steven Z. Perren. The student from each school with the most persuasive argument will be presented an award.

Ventura College of Law and Santa Barbara College of Law have dedicated their competition to the memory of retired Justice Richard W. Abbe, who served on Division Six from its inception in 1982 to 1990. The University of West Los Angeles School of Law has dedicated its competition to the memory of defense attorney Barry Levin, a former law professor at the school's San Fernando Valley campus.

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